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III. Licensing, Taxation, and Registration


B. Drivers or Operators

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§ 110. Public officers and employees

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Unless expressly exempted, public officers and employees in the operation of public or private vehicles in the performance of governmental services are required to have drivers' licenses.¹ The fundamental purpose of drivers' license acts requires the inclusion of public officers and employees as well as other persons, since there is just as much danger to the public in the operation of vehicles engaged in governmental services as in the operation of vehicles engaged in private ventures.² However, the state may not require qualifications in addition to those which the federal government has pronounced sufficient—for example, by requiring a post-office employee to cease driving a government truck in the transportation of mail over a post road until he or she obtains a license by submitting to examination before a state official and paying a fee.³

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Footnotes

- 1 [Croson v. District of Columbia](#), 2 F.2d 924 (App. D.C. 1924); [Department of Penal Institutions v. Wymore](#), 350 Mo. 127, 165 S.W.2d 618 (1942).
As to federal statute concerning state and local licenses for operators of federal vehicles, see [§ 113](#).
- 2 [Department of Penal Institutions v. Wymore](#), 350 Mo. 127, 165 S.W.2d 618 (1942).
- 3 [Johnson v. State of Maryland](#), 254 U.S. 51, 41 S. Ct. 16, 65 L. Ed. 126 (1920).

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